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NIKO IPERIFANOS, aka. IS - GREECE - CUBA

Re report of SA Christopher J. Pappianou 12/30/60 captioned "Niko Iperifanos, aka., IS - Greece."

Since most recent allegations against subject concern dealings with Cuba, you should add Cuba to the character of this case. During your continued inquiries of subject, you should consider adding other nations to the character if 5-30-98 information developed warrants such action.

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NOTES

Subject is of Greek descent and reportedly holds Cuban citizensh In recent years he engaged in barter deals by trading Cuban sugar and tobacco for munitions and other hardware. In addition, he is alleged to have been in Contact with a Hungarian intelligence agent in 1944 and with an Albanian intelligence officer in 1955. During 1949 - 55 he reportedly lived in Italy where he engaged in narcotics and arms smuggling of additions of the subject s activities in 1956 failed to indicate subject was engaged in subversive activities or activities inimical to the interests of the In addition, New York has had infrequent contact United States. with the subject during past two years concerning Cuban matters. He furnished New York information in such matters and claimed he was employed by a firm that furnished financial backing for the projects of the former Cuban (Batista) Government.

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